IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re A	pplication of:)			8
		•	Examiner: Manjunath N. Rao		
SATOSHI KOIZUMI ET AL.)			
		•	Group Art Unit: 1652	d	
Application No.: 09/068,528)			9
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Filed: May 13, 1998)			
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For:	PROCESSES FOR PRODUCING)			
	SUGAR NUCLEOTIDES AND	:			
	COMPLEX CARBOHYDRATES)	September 13, 2001		

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to action on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claim 1 to read as follows. A marked-up copy of Claim 1, showing the changes made thereto, is attached.

1. (Amended) A process for producing a sugar nucleotide, which comprises:

selecting, as enzyme sources, a) a culture broth of a microorganism capable of producing nucleoside-5'-triphosphate ("NTP") from a nucleotide precursor, or a